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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-36 are pending in the instant application.

Amendments

The amendment filed on March 12, 2008 has been acknowledged and has been entered into the application file.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Example 17, filed on March 12, 2008 is acknowledged.

The reply filed on March 12, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the species elected is not encompassed by any of the claims as the claims do not allow branching in the spacer moiety. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph R. Kosack whose telephone number is (571)272-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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